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## PRESS RELEASE

### Lee and Swanson Recognized for their Long-time Leadership



Greg Hodge and Pastor Brndon Reems present Assemblyman Sandré Swanson and Congresswoman Barbara Lee with sculptures from Ghana from the Black Elected Officials and Faith Based Leaders of the East Bay to recognize their continuous leadership and celebrate their roles as the new Chairpersons of the Congressional Black Caucus and CA State Legislative Black Caucus.

On Friday, February 27, 2009 at the Joyce Gordon Gallery in downtown Oakland the Black Elected Officials and Faith Based Leaders of the East Bay honored Congresswoman Barbara Lee as the new Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and Assemblyman Sandré Swanson as the new Chair of the California State Legislative Black Caucus. Lee and Swanson spoke of the important role of the Black Caucus in making sure the State Assembly and US Congress prioritize the needs of African Americans and identify resources to all populations that are most in need of relief.

“Now our elected leadership has a greater opportunity to bring back funding and resources from the State and Federal governments to help our diverse communities,” says Supervisor Keith Carson.

“I am honored to be a part of the legacy of leadership of the Congressional Black Caucus,” Rep. Lee states, “Along with my colleagues the Congressional Black Caucus will continue to be the conscience of the Congress and the voice of the voiceless.”

“The Legislative Black Caucus will play an important role in reshaping the priorities of California,” Assemblyman Swanson says, “It is vital that the State addresses the needs of those most impacted by this economic crisis.”

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